

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

January 2017

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering January 15th to 21st, 2017, there were 558,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 4,400 from December 2016 and 4,800 less than the number employed in January 2016.

Agricultural employment was 37,000 persons in January 2017, down 400 from the December 2016 level and 1,600 less than the January 2016 agricultural employment level of 38,600. Non-agricultural employment was 521,600 persons in January 2017. This is a decrease of 4,000 from the December 2016 non-agriculture employment level of 525,600 and 3,200 less than January 2016.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2017 was 7.1 percent. This is an increase of 0.9 percentage points from the December 2016 rate of 6.2 percent and 1.0 percentage points higher than the January 2016 level of 6.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,100 to 601,400 persons in January 2017 from 600,300 persons in December 2016. This is 1,500 more than the January 2016 labour force of 599,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 68.9 percent in January 2017 from 68.8 percent in December 2016. The January 2016 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.3 percent.

There were 42,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2017. This is an increase of 5,400 from December 2016 and is 6,200 more than the number unemployed in January 2016.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 567,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2017, down 700 from the December 2016 level of 568,200 and down 4,800 from the January 2016 employment level of 572,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2017 was 6.4 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the December 2016 rate of 6.5 percent but 0.8 percentage points higher than the January 2016 rate of 5.6 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 176,900 persons in January 2017 to 17,956,100 persons from 18,133,000 persons in December 2016. In January 2016, there were 17,661,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.8 percentage points in January 2017 to 7.2 percent from the December 2016 level of 6.4 percent. In January 2016, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.8 percent in January 2017. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than December 2016 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the January 2016 level of 7.2 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	<u>January</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,340.5	19,381.4	19,102.7	-40.9	237.8
Employed ('000)	17,956.1	18,133.0	17,661.9	-176.9	294.2
Full-Time ('000)	14,260.5	14,480.8	14,167.5	-220.3	93.0
Part-Time ('000)	3,695.6	3,652.3	3,494.4	43.3	201.2
Unemployed ('000)	1,384.4	1,248.3	1,440.8	136.1	-56.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	6.4	7.5	0.8	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.9	7.2	-0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.0	65.2	64.9	-0.2	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	601.4	600.3	599.9	1.1	1.5
Employed ('000)	558.6	563.0	563.4	-4.4	-4.8
Full-Time ('000)	448.9	457.7	455.8	-8.8	-6.9
Part-Time ('000)	109.7	105.3	107.6	4.4	2.1
Unemployed ('000)	42.8	37.4	36.6	5.4	6.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.2	6.1	0.9	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.4	6.5	5.6	-0.1	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.8	69.3	0.1	-0.4
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,461.2	2,456.7	2,435.4	4.5	25.8
Employed ('000)	2,242.2	2,254.3	2,248.0	-12.1	-5.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,785.6	1,827.0	1,825.4	-41.4	-39.8
Part-Time ('000)	456.7	427.3	422.6	29.4	34.1
Unemployed ('000)	219.0	202.4	187.5	16.6	31.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	8.2	7.7	0.7	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	8.8	8.5	7.5	0.3	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	72.1	72.1	72.0	0.0	0.1
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	668.8	668.9	660.5	-0.1	8.3
Employed ('000)	626.6	630.7	619.3	-4.1	7.3
Full-Time ('000)	503.1	501.9	495.1	1.2	8.0
Part-Time ('000)	123.6	128.8	124.2	-5.2	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	42.1	38.2	41.1	3.9	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	5.7	6.2	0.6	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	6.3	6.1	-0.2	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	66.6	66.5	-0.1	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	January 2017	December 2016	January 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	601.4	600.3	599.9	1.1	1.5
Male	327.8	328.1	325.4	-0.3	2.4
Female	273.7	272.2	274.5	1.5	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	84.8	82.2	86.5	2.6	-1.7
25+ Years of age	516.6	518.2	513.5	-1.6	3.1
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	558.6	563.0	563.4	-4.4	-4.8
Male	299.9	304.1	303.1	-4.2	-3.2
Female	258.7	258.9	260.2	-0.2	-1.5
15-24 Years of Age	74.2	74.5	77.4	-0.3	-3.2
25+ Years of age	484.4	488.4	486.0	-4.0	-1.6
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	42.8	37.4	36.6	5.4	6.2
Male	27.8	24.0	22.3	3.8	5.5
Female	15.0	13.3	14.3	1.7	0.7
15-24 Years of Age	10.6	7.6	9.1	3.0	1.5
25+ Years of age	32.3	29.7	27.5	2.6	4.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	7.1	6.2	6.1	0.9	1.0
Male	8.5	7.3	6.9	1.2	1.6
Female	5.5	4.9	5.2	0.6	0.3
15-24 Years of Age	12.5	9.2	10.5	3.3	2.0
25+ Years of age	6.3	5.7	5.4	0.6	0.9
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	68.9	68.8	69.3	0.1	-0.4
Male	74.5	74.6	74.6	-0.1	-0.1
Female	63.3	62.9	64.0	0.4	-0.7
15-24 Years of Age	63.3	61.2	63.9	2.1	-0.6
25+ Years of age	69.9	70.2	70.4	-0.3	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	January 2017	December 2016	January 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	37.0	37.4	38.6	-0.4	-1.6
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.4	25.0	26.2	-0.6	-1.8
Utilities	6.6	6.9	6.5	-0.3	0.1
Construction	46.1	48.9	50.4	-2.8	-4.3
Manufacturing	27.0	26.9	26.0	0.1	1.0
Trade	91.5	92.3	85.5	-0.8	6.0
Transportation and Warehousing	29.0	28.4	27.7	0.6	1.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.8	26.9	30.7	-0.1	-3.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	30.7	30.8	25.9	-0.1	4.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.8	12.7	13.2	0.1	-0.4
Educational Services	43.4	42.8	42.6	0.6	0.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	75.6	75.7	78.8	-0.1	-3.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.3	20.0	20.6	0.3	-0.3
Accommodation and Food Services	34.1	35.7	38.0	-1.6	-3.9
Other Services	24.5	23.5	25.0	1.0	-0.5
Public Administration	28.9	28.9	27.7	0.0	1.2
Total	558.6	563.0	563.4	-4.4	-4.8
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	448.9	457.7	455.8	-8.8	-6.9
Part-Time	109.7	105.3	107.6	4.4	2.1
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	457.0	461.5	455.9	-4.5	1.1
Public Sector	138.1	138.9	137.4	-0.8	0.7
Private Sector	318.9	322.6	318.4	-3.7	0.5
Self-Employed	101.6	101.5	107.5	0.1	-5.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	January 2017	December 2016	January 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,956.1	18,133.0	17,661.9	-176.9	294.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	215.0	223.2	217.9	-8.2	-2.9
Prince Edward Island	68.9	69.6	67.8	-0.7	1.1
Nova Scotia	436.4	446.2	428.5	-9.8	7.9
New Brunswick	338.6	349.8	336.6	-11.2	2.0
Quebec	4,112.2	4,160.5	4,010.1	-48.3	102.1
Ontario	6,972.5	7,033.5	6,868.0	-61.0	104.5
Manitoba	626.6	630.7	619.3	-4.1	7.3
Saskatchewan	558.6	563.0	563.4	-4.4	-4.8
Alberta	2,242.2	2,254.3	2,248.0	-12.1	-5.8
British Columbia	2,385.0	2,402.1	2,302.4	-17.1	82.6
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.2	6.4	7.5	0.8	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	16.8	15.2	16.8	1.6	0.0
Prince Edward Island	12.0	11.5	12.5	0.5	-0.5
Nova Scotia	8.6	7.7	9.6	0.9	-1.0
New Brunswick	9.8	8.8	10.7	1.0	-0.9
Quebec	7.0	6.4	8.3	0.6	-1.3
Ontario	6.5	5.7	6.8	0.8	-0.3
Manitoba	6.3	5.7	6.2	0.6	0.1
Saskatchewan	7.1	6.2	6.1	0.9	1.0
Alberta	8.9	8.2	7.7	0.7	1.2
British Columbia	6.0	5.4	6.9	0.6	-0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	January <u>2017</u>	December <u>2016</u>	January <u>2016</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,273.3	18,225.0	17,997.2	48.3	276.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	229.3	227.1	231.5	2.2	-2.2
Prince Edward Island	72.7	72.1	72.2	0.6	0.5
Nova Scotia	452.7	448.5	442.9	4.2	9.8
New Brunswick	351.9	354.9	351.3	-3.0	0.6
Quebec	4,202.6	4,199.1	4,105.5	3.5	97.1
Ontario	7,075.2	7,046.7	6,985.1	28.5	90.1
Manitoba	634.3	633.0	628.6	1.3	5.7
Saskatchewan	567.5	568.2	572.3	-0.7	-4.8
Alberta	2,267.6	2,267.3	2,270.7	0.3	-3.1
British Columbia	2,419.4	2,408.1	2,337.1	11.3	82.3
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.8	6.9	7.2	-0.1	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.8	14.9	14.2	-1.1	-0.4
Prince Edward Island	9.8	10.7	9.6	-0.9	0.2
Nova Scotia	7.7	8.3	8.6	-0.6	-0.9
New Brunswick	8.9	9.4	9.3	-0.5	-0.4
Quebec	6.2	6.6	7.6	-0.4	-1.4
Ontario	6.4	6.4	6.7	0.0	-0.3
Manitoba	6.1	6.3	6.1	-0.2	0.0
Saskatchewan	6.4	6.5	5.6	-0.1	0.8
Alberta	8.8	8.5	7.5	0.3	1.3
British Columbia	5.6	5.8	6.6	-0.2	-1.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<u>January</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	9.7	9.4	6.7	0.3	3.0
Halifax	5.8	5.6	6.5	0.2	-0.7
Saint John	7.0	7.2	7.8	-0.2	-0.8
Quebec	4.4	3.8	5.0	0.6	-0.6
Montreal	6.4	6.3	8.3	0.1	-1.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.1	5.4	6.1	-0.3	-1.0
Toronto	6.6	6.4	6.6	0.2	0.0
Greater Sudbury	7.3	7.3	8.3	0.0	-1.0
Winnipeg	6.5	6.4	6.2	0.1	0.3
Regina	5.5	5.0	6.0	0.5	-0.5
Saskatoon	7.6	7.3	4.2	0.3	3.4
Calgary	9.7	10.0	6.1	-0.3	3.6
Edmonton	7.8	7.0	7.5	0.8	0.3
Vancouver	4.8	4.8	6.2	0.0	-1.4
Victoria	4.4	4.9	5.4	-0.5	-1.0
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SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	180.9	182.6	185.4	-1.7	-4.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.8	53.1	52.5	-0.3	0.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	195.5	196.7	196.6	-1.2	-1.1
Yorkton-Melville	38.1	38.1	35.9	0.0	2.2
Prince Albert & Northern	95.8	96.2	100.2	-0.4	-4.4

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	January <u>2017</u>	December <u>2016</u>	January <u>2016</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	602.7	604.4	604.2	-1.7	-1.5
Employed ('000)	562.8	566.5	571.8	-3.7	-9.0
Unemployed ('000)	39.9	37.9	32.3	2.0	7.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.3	5.4	0.3	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.3	69.8	-0.2	-0.7
Employment Rate (%)	64.5	65.0	66.1	-0.5	-1.6
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	545.9	548.3	554.3	-2.4	-8.4
Employed ('000)	514.7	518.6	528.1	-3.9	-13.4
Unemployed ('000)	31.2	29.7	26.2	1.5	5.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.4	4.7	0.3	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.6	70.5	-0.3	-1.2
Employment Rate (%)	65.4	65.9	67.1	-0.5	-1.7
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	56.8	56.1	49.9	0.7	6.9
Employed ('000)	48.1	47.9	43.8	0.2	4.3
Unemployed ('000)	8.7	8.2	6.1	0.5	2.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.3	14.5	12.3	0.8	3.0
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.4	63.7	0.5	3.2
Employment Rate (%)	56.6	56.8	55.9	-0.2	0.7
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	24.5	23.3	18.4	1.2	6.1
Employed ('000)	19.9	19.1	14.8	0.8	5.1
Unemployed ('000)	4.6	4.2	3.6	0.4	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.7	18.2	19.6	0.5	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	64.6	61.9	55.5	2.7	9.1
Employment Rate (%)	52.5	50.6	44.6	1.9	7.9
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	32.2	32.7	30.8	-0.5	1.4
Employed ('000)	28.1	28.8	28.3	-0.7	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	4.1	3.9	2.5	0.2	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.7	11.8	8.2	0.9	4.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	70.0	70.1	-1.3	-1.4
Employment Rate (%)	60.0	61.7	64.4	-1.7	-4.4

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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